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SUBJ: COORDINATION OF CCINC TRAINING PROGRAMS

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1. WE HAVE NOT ENCOUNTERED THE PROBLEMS REFERRED TO IN REFTEL, BUT THE QUESTION OF COORDINATION BETWEEN DEA AND CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN LIAISON AND TRAINING CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS IS BOUND TO ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH A REGIONAL CUSTOMS CONFERENCE WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS SCHEDULED FOR HONG KONG IN APRIL. THE CONFERENCE, WHICH IS TO HAVE CCINC BACKING, IS TO BE CO-HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT PREVENTIVE SERVICES AND THE US CUSTOMS SERVICE. IT WOULD INCLUDE RANKING CUSTOMS OFFICIALS FROM EAST ASIA COUNTRIES PLUS REPRESENTATION FROM THE US, CANADA AND ONE OR TWO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE CONFERENCE WOULD COVER GENERAL ASPECTS OF CUSTOMS WORK BUT WILL CONCENTRATE ON NARCOTICS AS THE PRINCIPLE CONTRABAND PROBLEM.

2. IN OUR VIEW, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT DEA BE FULLY REPRESENTED AT THE HONG KONG CONFERENCE, AND THAT DEA BE INVITED TO MAKE A PRESENTATION BEARING DIRECTLY ON THE
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